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January 21, 2003

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

EXTREME WEATHER - WINDSTORM JANUARY 2003

On January 7, 2003, your Board instructed my office and the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission (CDC) to work with the community to educate them about any assistance programs available to business owners and residential customers without power due to the recent windstorm.

CDC's County Micro Loan Program may be used in a manner similar to the Small Business Administration's Disaster Loan Program to provide assistance to merchants and business owners impacted by the loss of power along Live Oak Avenue. The terms of the loan would generally be a 2% interest rate, 10-year term, and a \$250 processing fee. For disaster loans up to \$10,000, a personal guarantee would be accepted as collateral; for loans over \$20,000, additional collateral can be required. The program has been advertised in various newspapers from time-to-time; however, as of now the business community has shown very little interest. Kermit Hathcoat is the senior loan officer who can answer questions regarding this program. He may be reached at (323) 890-7041.

The Office of Emergency Management contacted the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to find out if any Federal or state programs were available for businesses and/or residents impacted by the windstorms. To date, no programs have been made available. The only program available is CDC's Micro Loan Program.

In addition, your Board motion also instructed my office and the Director of Public Works to report back on what can be done in future windstorms of severe magnitude to provide a timely response.



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The Department of Public Works (DPW) responded to several tree-related problems while continuing to provide normal services to the public. In the foothill areas heavily impacted by the windstorms, crews performed the more proactive role of patrolling the streets, placing barricades, removing fallen branches, and removing entire trees where necessary. DPW's priorities consisted of providing for public safety, maintaining open access to all roadways, and timely response to over 400 tree-related requests for services from the public.

DPW's future windstorm emergencies will be handled through the use of available Departmental resources, including DPW labor and equipment from various field divisions, supplemented by as-needed contractors. It will continue to work extended hours, and around-the-clock, when necessary, to maintain roadways in a functional and safe condition for all constituents.

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